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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Jean-Luc BERNARD, et al. : EXAMINER: ZHU, WEIPING  
SERIAL NO: 10/580,839 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 19, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1734  
FOR: REFRACTORY ALLOY AND :  
MINERAL WOOL PRODUCTION  
METHOD

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Zhu for the helpful interview conducted on June 7, 2011, in which applicants' representative argued that the content of Ti is critical. The examiner suggested that the criticality of Ti content would be established if the applicant can demonstrate with data support that a Ti content greater than the maximum Ti weight content of 1.5% disclosed by Costin ('473) but still within the instantly claimed Ti content range (e.g. 1.6%) would generate better properties than the Ti content of 1.5%.

Application No. 10/580,839  
Interview Summary Statement

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this statement is a proper recordation of the substance of the interview conducted on June 7, 2011, in compliance with MPEP § 713.04.

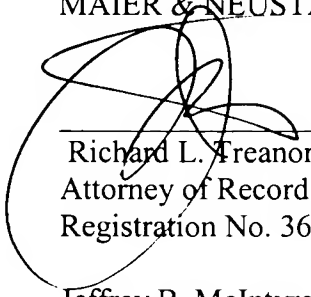
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